

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

308 House Office Building

Wednesday 12:00 P.M.

January 23, 2008

Representative Gino Polidori, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Polidori requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield, Pastor, Horn.

Absent: None.

Representative Brown moved to approve the minutes of the **December 5, 2007** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid SB 731 before the committee.

SB 731	Allen	Military affairs; other; requirement to provide certain returning reservists with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury questionnaires; provide for.
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Senator Allen, sponsor of SB 731, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Steven Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, testified in **support of SB 731**.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for SB 731** but did not wish to speak.

Lino B. Pretto, representing the Military Order of The Purple Heart

Gene Hentkowski, representing the Catholic War Veterans

Doug Williams, representing the Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan

Representative Brown moved to report **SB 731** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield, Pastor and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 731 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Brown, the **Vice-Chair**, assumed the gavel. The time being 12:20 p.m.

The Vice-Chair laid HB 5174 before the committee.

HB 5174	Polidori	Consumer protection; leases; termination of motor vehicle leases by certain active military personnel; allow.
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Representative Polidori, sponsor of **HB 5174**, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for HB 5174** but did not wish to speak.

Lino B. Pretto, representing the Military Order of The Purple Heart

Gene Hentkowski, representing the Catholic War Veterans

Doug Williams, representing the Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan

Representative Emmons moved to adopt the following amendments to **HB 5174**.

1. Amend page 2, line 17, after “meets” by striking out “both” and inserting “all”.
2. Amend page 2, following line 22, by inserting: "(c) The motor vehicle lease is executed before the service member is deployed on active duty."

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield, Pastor and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Dean moved to report with recommendation **HB 5174** as substitute (H-1).

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-1**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Pastor,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representative Horn.

HB 5174 reported out as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

Representative Polidori, the **Chair**, assumed the gavel. The time being 12:35 p.m.

The Chair laid HB 5338 before the committee.

HB 5338 Caul Communications; cellular telephone; individuals called into active duty; allow to cancel cellular telephone contract without penalties.

Ryan Wenburg explained **Representative Caul's** bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for HB 5338** but did not wish to speak.

Lino B. Pretto, representing the Military Order of The Purple Heart

Gene Hentkowski, representing the Catholic War Veterans

Doug Williams, representing the Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan

Representative Brown moved to **adopt substitute (H-1)** for **HB 5338**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield, Pastor and Horn,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Lemmons moved to report with recommendation **HB 5338** as **substitute (H-1)**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-1**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Emmons, Garfield and Pastor,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representative Horn.

HB 5338 reported out as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **12:45 p.m.**

Representative Gino Polidori Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
January 23, 2008
45 minutes

Date Approved and Signed